

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2005, relating to the above-identified application. Applicant has amended the claims and requests reexamination and reconsideration. Claims 1-31 remain pending.

I. Summary of the Examiner's Rejections and Objections

Claims 1-10, 18 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has being indefinite for failing to particularly pointing out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

II. Applicants' Response to the Examiner's Rejections

Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 18 and 28 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations to place claims 1-31 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome and requests that the Examiner withdraw such rejections.

III. Allowable Subject Matter and New Claims

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that the invention as defined in claims 11-17, 19-27 and 29-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and that claims 1-10, 18 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-31 are now in proper condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0259 or any payment in connection with this communication, including any fees for extension of time, which may be required. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such action might expedite the prosecution of this application.

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